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Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph beginning on page 3, line 17, with the following amended paragraph:

The PSTN 108 enables communications between the originating telephone 104 and one or more communication devices 132, 136, 144 located at the terminating end by way of the UMS 112. The PSTN 108 can include such technologies as packet or circuit switching, UHF, carrier current, microwave, wireless, fiber optics, cable, and/or satellite communication. The PSTN 108 interacts with a UMS controller 120 to provide the status of the phone line, such as ring, dial tone, open or occupied line, to attach signaling system 7 (SS7) ~~informaton~~ **information** and to make a telephone connection.

Please replace paragraph beginning on page 5, line 11, with the following amended paragraph:

Referring next to FIG. 4A, a flow diagram of an embodiment of a process for interacting with the UMS 112 is shown. In this embodiment, the depicted portion of the process begins in step 404 when the UMS 112 receives a call from the pagor to send a page. The pagor enters a return telephone number or other information that will allow the pagee to return the page. In step 408, the pagor has the option to select any pre-formulated messages to attach to the page. In some embodiments, the pagor could enter a custom message using the touch-tone keypad or voice recognition. Step 412 follows with the receipt of a page notification by the terminating pager 144. In step 416, the pagee **decides if the UMS** ~~should be~~**page should be returned or ignored**. If the pagee decides not to return the page in step 416, the pagor receives no returned response for the time being in step 420. Alternatively, a telephone call is placed by the pagee to the UMS 112 in step 428 if the pagee desires to return the page in step 416. When a connection with the UMS 112 is established, the pagee will review the details of the page in step 432 as well as any pre-formulated or custom message associated with the page in step 436. The connection to the UMS 112 can be through a web interface or a telephonic interface.

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Amendments to the Abstract:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 15, line 3, with the following:

~~According to the invention~~ In one embodiment, a method for paging from a pagor to a pager is disclosed. In one step, a page is sent wirelessly to the pager and received from the pagor. After determining that the pagee has not responded to the page for a predetermined time period, the page is converted to a message and a message-waiting indicator is activated.